

The Reasons Why the City of Richmond Should Prepare to Build A Sewer System and Improve Its Streets

No. 1. Richmond needs a sewer system and better streets more than any other one thing.

No. 2. If we do not carry the bond issue in this election, we cannot vote again in the matter until two years from now, no matter how cheap building material may become in the meantime.

No. 3. The opportunity to build streets and sewers cheaply, will come as soon as the war ends, when building material will unquestionably drop to the lowest level. The war will probably end next summer, and a vote for the bond issue now means that we shall prepare the city to take advantage of the low price of material for construction at that time.

No. 4. The sum asked to be voted is adequate, under normal prices, to build a complete sewer system and pave the principal streets of the city. The survey of the engineer for a complete sewer system made last November shows an estimate of cost to be \$155,885, with prices for material figured at greatly increased prices. Under normal conditions, and only under such conditions, will the city construct, this complete system can be installed for approximately \$100,000. This will leave \$50,000 for the construction of streets, upon which State aid will be received, and this together with \$28,000 more, State aid funds, which will be allowed by the Fiscal Court for the next two years in lieu of the City's State aid for the past three years, will provide a fund sufficient to pave the principal and most used streets of the city.

No. 5. The bonds to be voted on November 6th, will not be issued until the cost of material drops to a normal level and actual construction begins. No interest or Sinking Fund will be required until the bonds are issued, and therefore no burden of taxation will be put upon the people until actual construction begins.

No. 6. When the sewers and streets have been built the increase in taxation will only amount to a few cents on the hundred dollars of property value, and the increase of property values, which these improvements will give to the city will, in fact, more than cover this increase, with the result that the individual taxpayer will, in fact, not pay any more taxes than he is paying at the present time. It will, therefore, not increase anybody's taxes.

No. 7. To safeguard the public interest and to assure the people that the bonds will not be issued until conditions are normal, and that when so issued, the money will be economically and wisely spent, the City Council has created a commission of five of our most representative citizens and taxpayers, to-wit: R. R. Burnam, R. E. Turley, R. J. McKee, T. K. Hamilton and J. H. Dean, who have been delegated with the power and responsibility of aiding, advising and counseling the Board of Council in the bond issue and in the supervision and the direction of the expenditure of said money.

No. 8. To vote these bonds will make it possible for Richmond to take the greatest step forward ever made in her history, and the construction of better sewers and streets will mark an era of great business, church and social development, and thereby make it possible for the city to grow and prosper.

A Vote For the Bonds Is A Vote For A Bigger and Better Richmond